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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the DCI for
Planning and Development

THROUGH: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: ITEK Corporation Proposal for Photo-
Data-Processing Study

1. Careful consideration has been given to the attached proposal from ITEK Corporation for a Photo-Data-Processing Study. After weighing the pros and cons as to the desirability of an all-encompassing study, we conclude that the scope of the study initially should be limited. Therefore, it is recommended that ITEK be invited to submit a new proposal, aimed at an analysis of the current and 1959 equipment requirements of PIC, which would result in recommendations for (A) procurement or modifications of existing equipment and (B) new R & D fields toward which our efforts should be directed. In the process of undertaking this suggested task, it is expected that the study group would need to examine both present internal PIC procedures, and requirements for modifications and expansion with increased inputs. It is recommended that at present the study be limited to the internal problems confronting PIC and not encompass other CIA substantive offices or USIB agencies. Such a study, involving projected input parameters, might form the basis for a second study proposal in the near future.

2. Other studies, aimed at improving the accessibility of the files of selected OCR activities and reducing these where possible to a mechanical system by which collateral support would be readily forthcoming, might be suggested by OCR with some assistance by PIC.

3. Any proposal submitted should include greater detail as to the cost of individual segments of the study.

4. Equipment or procedural changes recommended in any study should include, where possible, an indication of the types and numbers of additional personnel required to handle the sub-tasks at our present ratio of input to production.

5. It might be reasonably expected that following a study of the type recommended, a high level of coordination and confidence between

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ITEK and PIC will have been achieved so that other longer-range studies, as required, might be readily negotiated.

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